

MINUTES
SENATE JUDICIARY & RULES COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, January 16, 2017

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room WW54

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Lodge, Senators Davis, Hagedorn, Anthon, Agenbroad, Foreman, and Nye

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: Vice Chairman Lee, Senator Burgoyne

NOTE: The sign-in sheet, testimonies and other related materials will be retained with the minutes in the committee's office until the end of the session and will then be located on file with the minutes in the Legislative Services Library.

CONVENED: **Chairman Lodge** called the Senate Judiciary and Rules Committee (Committee) meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS: **Chairman Lodge** introduced Committee Page Jack Wolthius who gave an overview of his school accomplishments, interests, and future plans, including attendance at an Ivy League university, Georgetown, or BYU..

Chairman Lodge also introduced Senator Hagedorn, returning to the Committee, and Senators Agenbroad, Foreman, and Nye who are new to the Committee.

GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION: **Chairman Lodge** explained that the Journal is read everyday and a vote is taken to approve the Journal. Senators Foreman and Nye accepted the assignment to read the Journal. The procedure for reading and accepting the Committee Minutes were explained by **Chairman Lodge**.

The Committee was commended by **Chairman Lodge** for the respectful and collegiate manner in which the members have conducted business in the past. She encouraged Committee members to continue to show courtesy to each other, as well as to those who testify and those who are in the audience.

Chairman Lodge explained that the Committee will be receiving Gubernatorial appointments and noted that the appointment packets will be sent to each Committee member in advance of the meeting. She requested that everyone read the resumé and come prepared with a question for the appointee. She emphasized that this hearing is simply to get to know them.

Chairman Lodge serves on several boards and commissions. She inquired if any Committee members would be interested in substituting for her in case she would need to miss one of those meetings.

Chairman Lodge listed the areas of concern that are under the purview of the Committee, naming the Judiciary, the Department of Corrections, Juvenile Corrections, and the Idaho State Police. She encouraged the members to visit the Idaho Department of Corrections including prisons and detention facilities. She also suggested they visit some Parole Commission meetings, accompany a probation officer, and ride along with an Idaho State Police trooper.

Chairman Lodge indicated that the Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI) will be discussed by the Committee. She noted that some things have been working, but some things have not been working well. She reported that the JRI Oversight Committee is hoping to add twenty-four more parole officers to improve the success rate for reentry into the normal population. She shared with the Committee members a handout relating to the Rat Park study on addiction.

Senator Hagedorn requested an update on JRI. **Chairman Lodge** explained that there will be a presentation Monday, January 23, regarding the Idaho Commission of Pardons and Parole and JRI, as well as a presentation by the Idaho State Public Defense Commission. An update on JRI will be given at that time.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business at this time, **Chairman Lodge** adjourned the meeting at 1:44 p.m.

Chairman Lodge
Chair

Carol Cornwall
Secretary